A2 Flight Control System

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Thank you for purchasing DJI products. Please strictly follow these steps to mount and connect this system on your aircraft, install the PC Assistant Software on your computer, as well as installing the DJI Assistant App on your mobile device.

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* This manual is for basic assembly and configuration; you can obtain more details and advanced instructions when using the Assistant Software. To assure you have the latest information, please visit our website and download the latest manual and current software version.

If you have any problems that you cannot solve during usage, please contact your authorized dealer.

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Introduction

Product Introduction

The DJI A2 Multi-Rotor stabilization controller is a complete flight system for various multi-rotor platforms for commercial and industrial AP applications. Based on the technology and design philosophy of DJI's Ace series of high-performance controllers, the A2 offers you a brand new flight experience. Its flight mode setup provides a seamless transition for current Ace One, WKM AP professionals. The system has the following features:

(1) It is integrated with high-precision sensor components and a high-performance GPS Receiver.

(2) It utilizes high quality components precisely calibrated with temperature compensation in all gyros and sensors, industry renowned flight algorithm in autopilot and UAV field.

(3) Designed with built-in vibration absorption, no extra mount frame or vibration absorption pad is required.

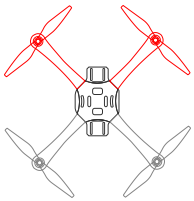
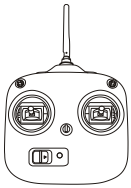
(4) Based on the DESST technology, it has a built-in 16-channel Receiver, and supports DSM2 satellite receiver.

(5) Optional DJI D-BUS Adapter can be used with a traditional Receiver.

In the Box

Controller Unit (Built-in Receiver DR16)	PMU(Power Management unit)	IMU(Inertia Measurement Unit)
LED-BT-I	GPS-COMPASS PRO	Accessories
		Micro-USB Cable (1) Servo Cables (2) GPS Bracket Double side sticky pads.

Equipment Prepared by Users

Aircraft (Take Quad-rotor for example: Red is nose, and Black is rear)	Transmitter (Take Mode2 for example)	Others
		Battery DJI D-BUS Adapter Mobile Device

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System Introduction

The A2 flight control system uses the Control Unit at its core, which is connected with the IMU, GPS-COMPASS PRO、LED-BT-I、PMU and ESCs to complete the system. The system can achieve the height-lock and position-lock functions by using the IMU and the GPS, to control the aircraft.

Please carry out the following procedures to finish assembly, configuration and flight-testing.

Mount the A2 flight control system on your aircraft finish connection. ⇨ Configure the system using A2 Assistant software. ⇨

Do basic flying test ⇨ FailSafe and Low-voltage settings ⇨ Advanced functions: IOC, Gimbal, Gear

Symbol Instruction

General Symbol

	Forbidden(Important)		Cautions		Tips		Reference
	GPS Satellite number		Distance		TX signal good		TX signal lost
	Roll to left		Roll to right		Pitch up		Pitch down

LED Symbol

○(N)	N=1	N=2	N=3	N=4	N=6	N=20	N=∝
Meaning	One Blink	Two Blinks	Three Blinks	Four Blinks	Six Blinks	Twenty Blinks	Continuous Blinks

e.g. ●(3) means three Red blinks.

●●(∝)LED blinks yellow and green alternatively.

□ (N)	N=∝
Meaning	Continuous Solid on

e.g. ■(∝) means Continuous Blue Solid on.

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1 Assembly and Configuration

For hardware installation, software configuration and compass calibration please adhere to the following sections.

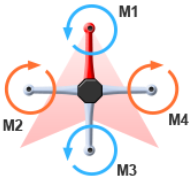
1.1 Hardware Installation and Connection

(1) Please adhere to "1.1.1 Mixer Type Supported" to choose a mixer type and assemble your aircraft.

(2) Please adhere to both "1.1.2 Hardware Connection Diagram" and "1.1.3 Important for Assembly and Connection" to install and connect all units on your aircraft.

1.1.1 Mixer Type Supported

Following Mixer Types are supported.



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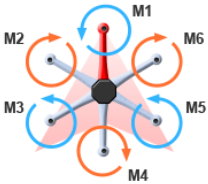
Quad-rotor X



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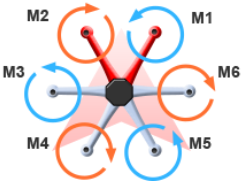

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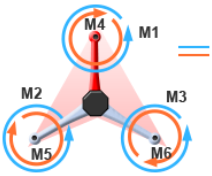

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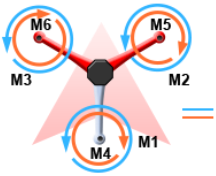

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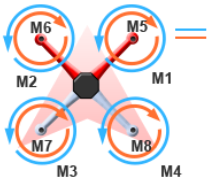

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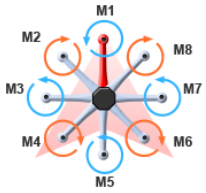

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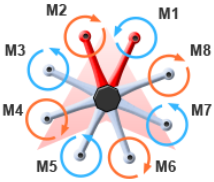

Octo-rotor V

⚠ The direction of the arrow in diagram indicates the rotation direction of the motor/propeller.

For coaxial propellers: Blue propeller is at TOP; Red propeller is at Bottom. Otherwise all propellers are at top.

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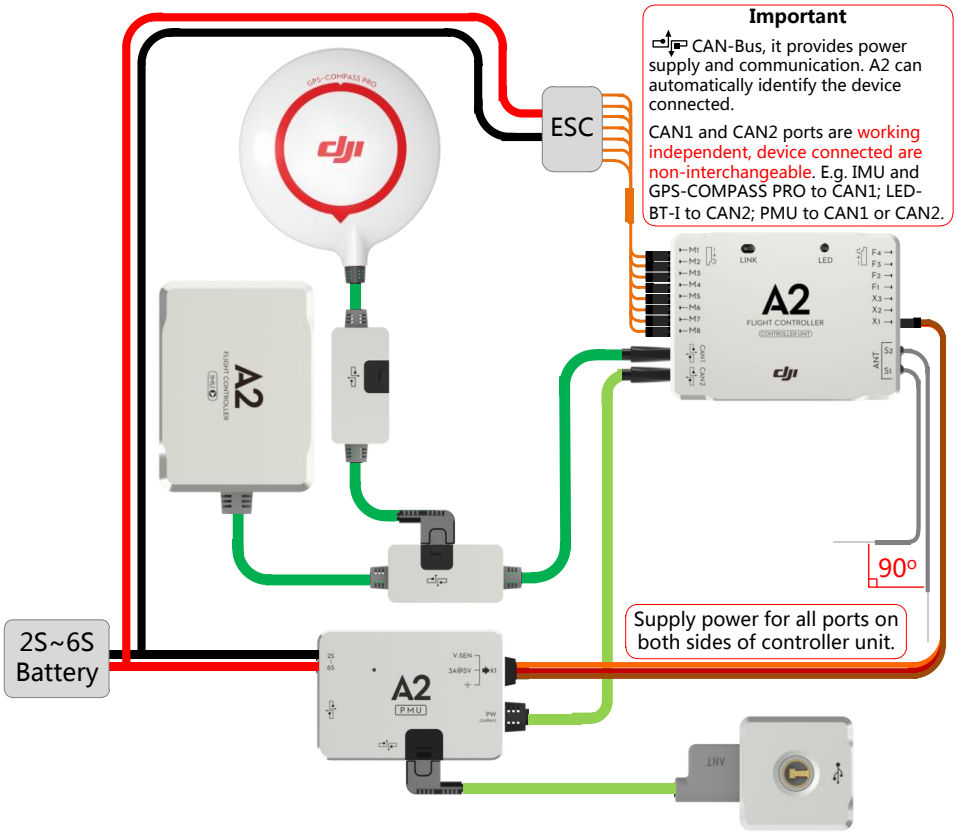
1.1.2 Hardware Connection Diagram


Important
CAN-Bus, it provides power supply and communication. A2 can automatically identify the device connected.
CAN1 and CAN2 ports are working independent, device connected are non-interchangeable. E.g. IMU and GPS-COMPASS PRO to CAN1; LED-BT-I to CAN2; PMU to CAN1 or CAN2.
ESC
A2
FLIGHT CONTROLLER
LINK
LED
90°
Supply power for all ports on both sides of controller unit.
2S~6S Battery
A2
PMU

1.1.3 Important for Assembly and Connection

This section describes all device port functions, assembly requirements, connection requirements and tips during usage. Also the linking procedures between the built-in Receiver DR16 and your Transmitter. It is very important for the first time usage, please read all text carefully.

(1) Controller Unit

The Control Unit is the core component of the A2 flight control system:

(1) M1~M8 are used to connect to the ESCs of the aircraft.

(2) The built-in Receiver DR16 is based on DJI DESST technology, which can be used with the Futaba FASST series and DJI DESST series Transmitter.

(3) CAN1 and CAN2 ports are working independently and should connect to different modules.

(4) 4 independent and configurable outputs.

(5) It is compatible with the external Receiver, e.g. DSM2 satellite Receiver.

(6) Use the optional DJI DBUS Adapter to support the traditional receiver.

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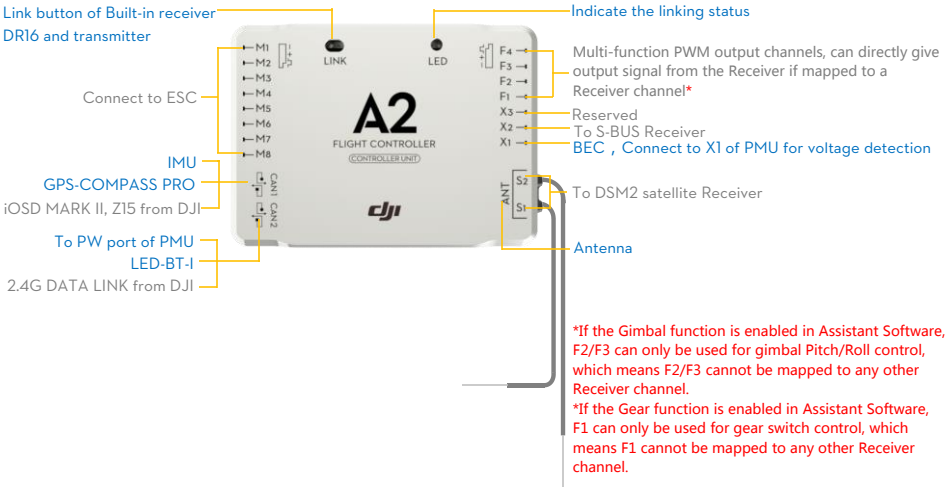
Port Description



Mounting Requirements:

Install the Controller Unit in the proper position to make sure the ports are accessible. No specified direction is required.

Place the antennas in an open space under the aircraft, DO NOT block them. Position the heads of two antennas at a 90-degree angle. DO NOT bend or wind them.

Receiver System

The A2 flight control system can use its own built-in Receiver, and also can support external receivers. Whatever type of Receiver is used, please make sure that the Receiver and Transmitter is linked correctly before use.

A. Built-in Receiver

For enhancing the system integration and reliability, the A2 is integrated with a 2.4G receiver based on frequency hopping technology. The built-in Receiver can be used with the Transmitter of Futaba FASST series or DJI DESST series after linking. For users, you are only asked to carry out the link procedures, no extra requirement for connection.

Please carry out the following procedures to finish the Link process, and the configuration in the **A2 Assistant software->Basic ->R/C ->Receiver Type**. Select the DR16 option.

During use, you may see the following LED indication, please do the operation according to the table below.

LED	Description	Operation
(∝)	Signal from Transmitter has been detected by the Receiver, but not matched.	Link operation required
(∝)	No Transmitter signal is received, e.g. the flight control system is powered on but the Transmitter is powered off.	Switch on
(∝)	The Receiver and Transmitter have been linked to each other successfully.	Can work normally

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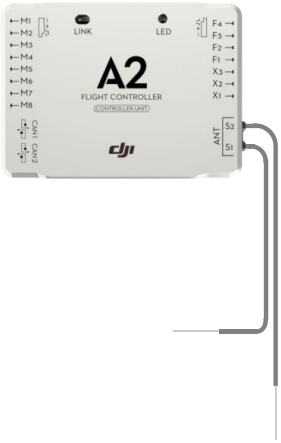
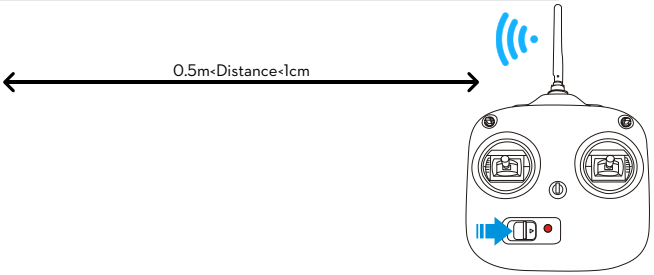


Link Procedures
1. Turn on the transmitter, it begins to send signals after 1.5secs.
2.Power on the flight control system.
3.Press the LINK button, hold for 2secs, wait until the LED blinks Red 🔴 .
4.Release the LINK button, the LED turns Green on after successfully linking.



The DR16 Receiver is compatible with the Futaba transmitters which have optional FASST MODE MUL T, MLT2 or 7CH. Users can find out the available Futaba transimitters and configuration requirments a dhere to the FAQ->The Transmitter setup of FUTABA.

External Receivers

If using an external Receiver, please follow the diagram for connection, set the Receiver referring to your Receiver manual, and select the correct type in **assistant software->Basic->R/C-> Receiver Type**.

Receiver Type Supported	S-BUS Receiver	With D-BUS Adapter	DSM2 Receiver	PPM Receiver
Assistant Software Option	D-BUS	D-BUS	DSM2	PPM

Notes for the DSM2 users:

- It is no need to enable the Failsafe function in the Transmitter. Once the Receiver loses the signals from the Transmitter, the controller unit will enter into Failsafe automatically, and the aircraft will hover or Go-home as configurations of the Failsafe in the Assistant software.
- When using the dual-mode Transmitter, please set the transmiting mode as DSM2 in SYSTEM SET UP->FRAME RATE ->MODE, which should not be DSMX.

The following diagrams are the connections for your reference.

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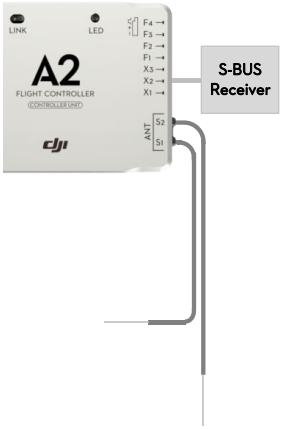
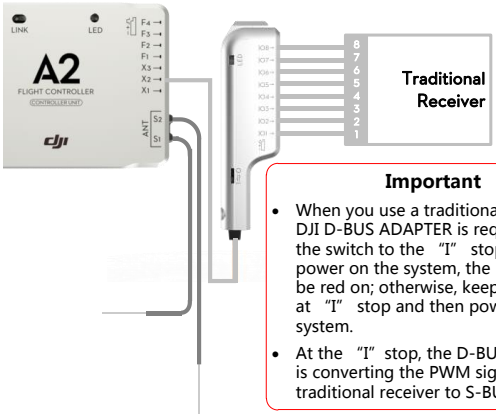
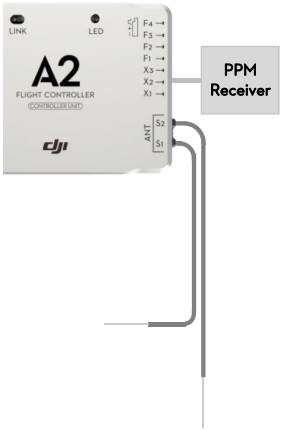




Important

- When you use a traditional receiver, DJI D-BUS ADAPTER is required. Put the switch to the "I" stop, and power on the system, the LED should be red on; otherwise, keep the switch at "I" stop and then power cycle the system.
- At the "I" stop, the D-BUS ADAPTER is converting the PWM signal from traditional receiver to S-BUS signal.



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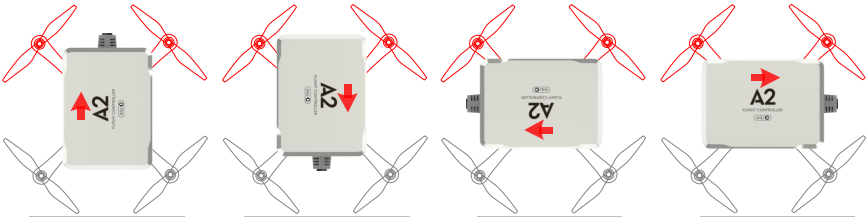
(2) IMU (Inertial Measurement Unit):

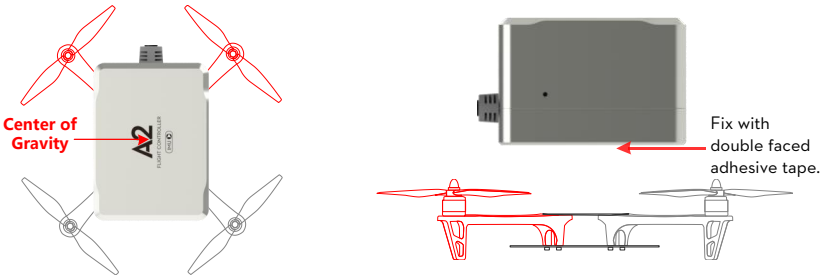
Built-in inertial sensors, for the measurement of aircraft attitude; built-in pressure sensor for the detection of aircraft altitude. Should be connected to the CAN1 port of the Control Unit, and be mounted according to the required location and orientation. The IMU has been calibrated before shipping, it should be used under the specified temperature; otherwise the temperature may have an effect on the IMU performance.	
Working environment temperature: -5°C ~60°C	Storage environment temperature:<60°C

Orientation Requirements:

Please mount the IMU as one of the following options. Configure in the **A2 Assistant software ->Basic ->Mount -> IMU**, and select the matched option.



Location Requirements:



	(1)	The top side should be facing up. DO NOT mount upside-down.
	(2)	DO NOT cover the ventilation holes, keep them unblocked and clean.
	(3)	Take heat preservation measures if working in cold weather.
	(1)	Mount the IMU at a low vibration position and the sides of the IMU should be precisely parallel to the aircraft body. Based on our experience, there is less vibration near the aircraft ' s center of gravity.
	(2)	NOT water-proof or oil-proof.
	(3)	Check the double faced adhesive tape regularly to make sure that the IMU is fixed firmly.

There is a CAN-Bus connector, which can be used to connect to the GPS-COMPASS PRO or other DJI product.

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(3) GPS-COMPASS PRO

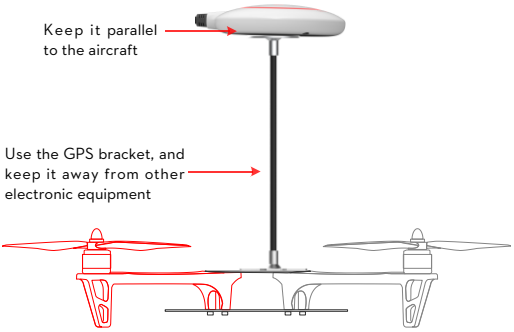
GPS-COMPASS PRO module has a built-in GPS and compass. The compass is used for geomagnetic field measurement. It should be mounted according to the required location and orientation. Compass calibration is required before use. DO NOT use and store the compass in the ferromagnetic material environment.

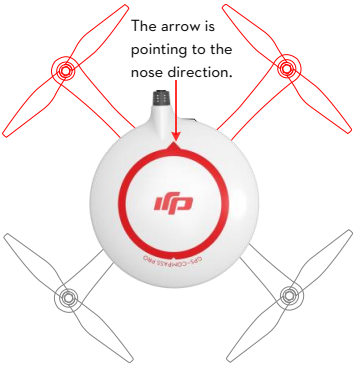
Mounting Procedure:

a) Use the epoxy resin AB glue to assemble the GPS bracket first. The longest one is recommended.

b) Mount the bracket on the aircraft first, and then fix the GPS-COMPASS PRO on the plate of the bracket (using the 3M sticky pads provided).

Mount Requirements:





Usage Requirements

(1) The DJI logo should be facing the sky, with the orientation arrow pointing directly to the nose direction; otherwise it may lead to take off failure.

(2) Fly the aircraft in an open space without buildings or trees; otherwise it may have an effect on the GPS.

(3) The compass is sensitive to magnetic interference, should be far away from electronic devices, otherwise it may lead to abnormal flying.

(4) Please always keep the compass module away from magnet fields. Otherwise it may damage the compass module and lead the aircraft to work abnormally or even be out of control.

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(4) PMU (Power Management Unit)

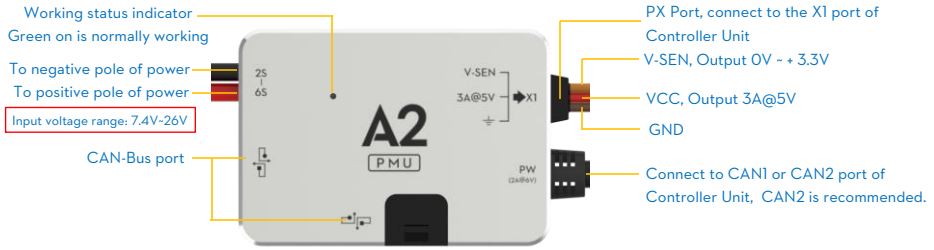
The PMU provides dual BEC's:

(1) Connect the battery to the PMU module to supply power for the whole Flight Control System via the PW port (supply power not more than 2A).

(2) Connect the PMU to the X1 port of Controller Unit for voltage monitoring, for flight safe guard during flying.

In addition, there are two CAN-Bus ports for LED-BT-I connection and other DJI products (e.g. DJI 2.4G Data Link).

Port Description



Mounting Requirements:

No need to mount in a particular orientation. But choose a ventilated place to mount the PMU for cooling.

(5) LED-BT-I

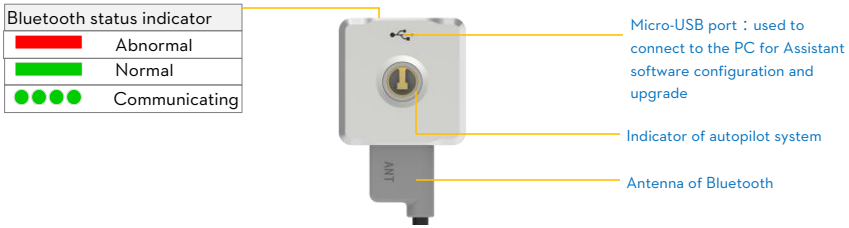
The LED-BT-I has integrated LED Indicator, Bluetooth and USB port:

(1) The LED is mainly for flight control system status indication during flying (e.g. Control Mode).

(2) (Coming soon) Bluetooth is used for real-time communication with your mobile device (e.g. iPhone), to realize parameter configuration on a mobile device. For parameter configuration using a mobile device, it is required to install the DJI A2 Assistant App on the mobile device. When you mount the LED-BT-I, please make sure the side with ANT LOGO is unsheltered after mounting.

(3) In addition, there is a Micro-USB port, make sure it is mounted for convenient connection.

Port Description:



Mounting Requirements:

Mount in a good position to make sure the LED is visible during flying. Antenna of Bluetooth should be unobscured.

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1.2 Software Installation and Configuration

Configure the A2 flight control system in the Assistant software please adheres to this section. Users are required to configure every item in "Basic" page when use the A2 flight control system for the first time.

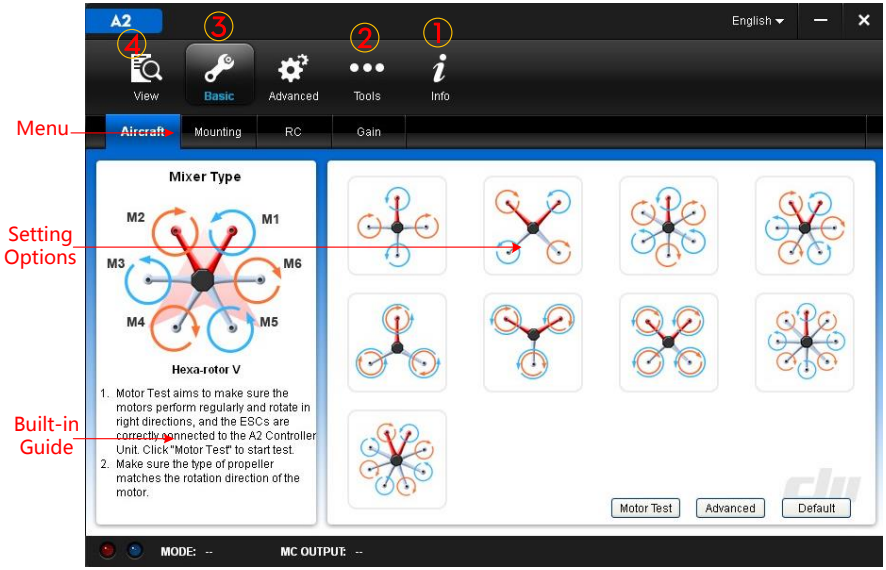
1.2.1 Install Driver and Assistant Software

1. Download	2.Connect	3.Install Driver	4.Install Software
Download the driver installer and assistant software installer from DJI website.	Connect the LED-BT-I module and PC via a Micro-USB cable.	Run the driver installer and follow the prompts to finish installation.	Run the assistant software installer and follow the prompts to finish installation.

⚠ Assistant software supports only Windows operating systems (Win XP, Win7, Win8 (32 or 64 bit)).

1.2.2 Configure using Assistant Software on a PC

The USB port can supply power during configuration, no additional battery is required. Note that the USB port can supply power not more than 500mA, an additional battery is necessary if connection failure or intermittent working. Run the assistant software, and follow the built-in guide to carry out the configuration. Note that you may be asked to register for first time use.



1. View	2. Restore &Upgrade	3.Set	4.Check
Click "Info" to view user information and software version etc.	Enter "Tools" to restore default settings. And check whether the firmware is the latest.	Enter "Basic" page. Set the Aircraft, Mounting, RC, Gain" in each tab.	Enter "View" page to check all basic settings.

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1.2.3 Configuration Checking

*Fig. above for reference only, please adhere to actual GUI.

Check List	Description
①	Check the IMU orientation direction.
②	Check the Mixer Type of aircraft. Make sure the motors are rotating normally, and propeller installation is in correct direction.
③	The Receiver type is correct.
④、⑤	Check the basic and attitude gains.
⑥	Move the sticks to test whether the cursors moves following the sticks. Toggle the “U” switch to test the control mode setting.
⑦~ ⑪	Advanced configuration, users can configure it according to their requirements after reading the manual.
⑫	Check the Channel Map between the Transmitter and A2 flight control system.

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1.3 Compass Calibration

The Compass can assistant the GPS to position the aircraft, which is very important during flight. As we know, the compass is very sensitive to electromagnetic interference, which will cause abnormal compass data, and lead to poor flight performance or even flight failure. Compass Calibration MUST be done for the first time use.

It is recommended to calibrate the compass outdoors after the Controller Unit finds 7 or more GPS satellites. Regular calibration enables the compass to keep optimal performance.

Calibration Cautions

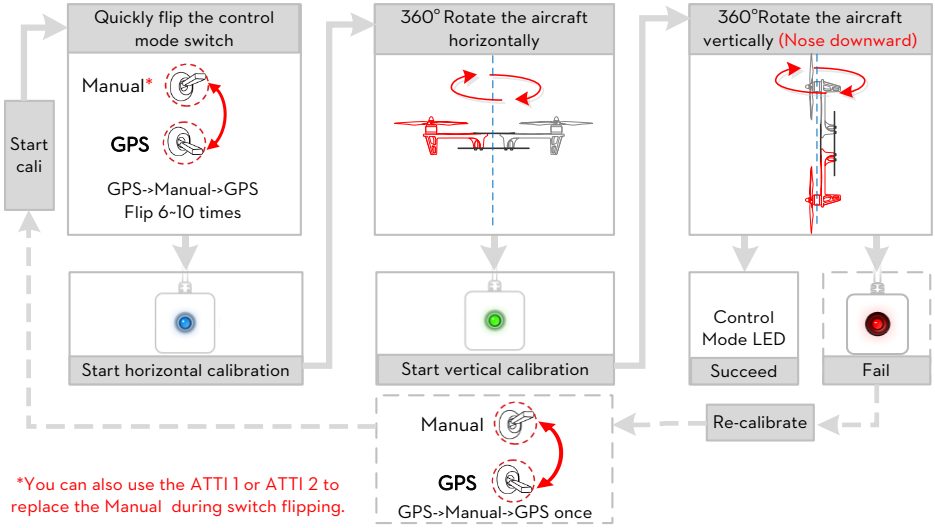
(1) DO NOT calibrate your compass where there is strong magnetic interference, such as magnetite, car park, and steel reinforcement under the ground.

(2) DO NOT carry ferromagnetic materials with you during calibration, such as keys or cell phones.

(3) Compass Calibration is very important; otherwise the flight control system cannot work.

Calibration Procedures

Choose an open space to carry out the following procedures.



Situations that require recalibration

Situations	Descriptions
Compass Data abnormal	LED blinks yellow and green alternatively(🟡🟢(∝)).
Flying field altered	Flying field has changed over a long distance.
Mechanical alteration	The mounting position of GPS-COMPASS PRO module changes. Electronic units such as Controller Unit, CAN-HUB, battery etc. have been added, removed, remounted or other alterations. Mechanical structures of the aircraft has changed
Drifting during flying	Evident drifts occurred in flight such as the aircraft doesn't fly straight
Attitude errors	LED often blinks error indicator when the aircraft turns around.

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2 Basic flying

Read this section before basic flight testing.

2.1Control Mode Instruction

The aircraft performs differently when using different control modes. Please read the following table to know the different control modes, which may help you to achieve a more involved flight experience.

	Control Mode 3	Control Mode 2	Control Mode 1*	
	GPS	ATTI. 2	ATTI. 1	Manual
Command Linearity	YES			
Yaw	Control the aircraft to rotate in clockwise and counter clockwise direction. Maximum rudder angular velocity 150°/s			
Roll and Pitch	Aircraft attitude control; Mid point of stick is for 0° attitude, and its endpoint is 35°.			Max-angular velocity is 150°/s. No attitude angle limit.
Throttle	Aircraft height control. Maintain the altitude best above 1 meter from ground when the throttle stick is in mid position.			No altitude locking when the throttle stick is in mid position.
All Sticks Released	Lock position if GPS signal is adequate.	Only attitude stabilizing. No position locking.		Keep original attitude.
GPS Lost	When GPS signal has been lost for 3s, system enters ATTI. Mode automatically.	---		---
IOC Supported	CL/HL/POI	CL		None
FailSafe Protection	The flight control system will enter FailSafe Mode if the Transmitter signal is lost and no matter if Transmitter signal recovers or not, system will not exit failsafe mode automatically.		The flight control system will enter FailSafe Mode if the Transmitter signal is lost and the system will exit Failsafe once the signal recovers.	
GPS Involved	YES		NO	
Low-voltage Protection	LED alert with Descending or Go Home & Landing precautions		Only LED alert	
Environment recommended	Open flying field; Good GPS signal	Narrow Space; GPS signal bad	Regain control in emergency	

*Default is Manual; users can set to ATTI.1 in Assistant software. The biggest difference between ATTI.1 and ATTI.2 is that they are working differently in the protection situations.

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2.2 Flying Environment Requirements

(1) Before use of the product, please accept some flight training (Using a simulator to practice flying, getting instruction from a professional person, etc.).

(2) DO NOT fly in bad weather, such as rain or wind (more than moderate breeze) or fog.

(3) The flying field should be open without tall buildings or other obstacles; the buildings of steel structure will interfere with the compass.

(4) Keep the aircraft away from obstacles, crowds, power lines, trees, lakes and rivers etc.

(5) Try to avoid interference between the remote control Transmitter and other wireless equipment. (No base station or cell tower around)

(6) The flight control system can't work at the South Pole and the North Pole.

(7) All parts must be kept out of the reach of children to avoid CHOKE HAZARD; if a child accidentally swallows any part you should immediately seek medical assistance.

2.3 Check List before Flying

Double check the following list, otherwise, if any one of the following items is wrong it may lead to flight accident.

(1) All parts are in good condition, no ageing or damaged components

(2) Motor rotating direction

(3) Propeller mounting direction

(4) Mixer Type set in assistant software

(5) IMU and GPS-COMPASS PRO mounting direction

(6) Transmitter channel mapping and sticks movement direction correct

(7) Compass calibration

(8) ESC connection

(9) IMU and GPS-COMPASS PRO firmly mounted

In addition, check the following items to make sure the system can work.

(1) The Transmitter battery is fully charged.

(2) The aircraft battery is fully charged.

(3) Do not over load the aircraft.

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2.4 Power on and Check

(1) Control mode LED indicator

Power on the Transmitter and flight control system. Toggle the control mode switch to different positions.

Control Mode LED indicator			
Control Mode Switch	GPS	ATTI 2	Manual
LED	(Stick not in midpoint (2))	(Stick not in midpoint (2))	No LED indicator
Set	Put the Control Mode switch to GPS position for basic flying test. **Note:** when the GPS signal LED indicator is bad or worst ((2) or (3)) and lasts for more than 3secs, the flight control system will enter into ATTI2 Mode.		

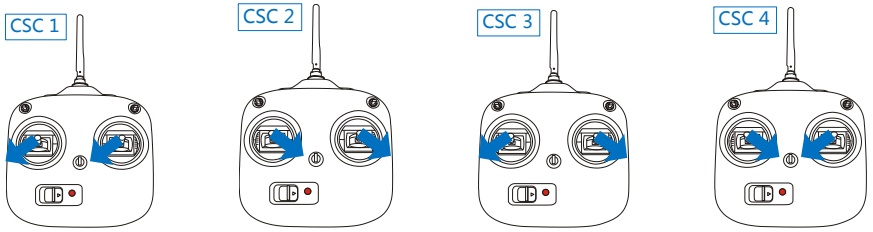
(2) GPS signal LED indicator

GPS signal indication blinks after every Control mode indication. We suggest to fly when GPS satellites are more than 5.

GPS signal LED indicator			
Worst (GPS < 5)： (3)	Bad (GPS = 5)： (2)	Well (GPS = 6)： (1)	Best (GPS > 6)：No indicator

2.5 Start Motors Methods

CSC (Combination sticks commands) is used to start/stop motors instead of just pushing the throttle stick.



Under the conditions stated below, the motors will stop in ATTI 1/ ATTI 2/GPS mode:

(1) The throttle sticks is under 10% for more than 3secs after motors start.

(2) The throttle sticks is under 10% for more than 3secs after landing.

(3) The throttle sticks is under 10% for more than 3secs and the inclined angle of aircraft exceeds 70°。

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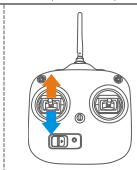
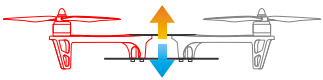
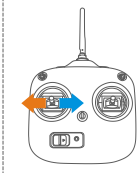
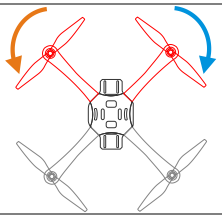
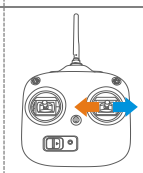
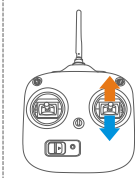
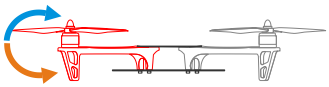
2.6 Basic Flying Test

Carry out the following procedures to complete the basic flight test.

1. Wait the GPS signal to be well	LED
Place the aircraft away from you and others at least 3 meters and wait the GPS ≥6.	or no Red LED

2. Start motors and takeoff aircraft.	LED
Execute CSC to start motors; all sticks back to midpoint as soon as motors start, then push the throttle stick to take off the aircraft, meanwhile the home point is recorded. NOTE: 30secs after power on; 10secs after GPS ≥6; Motors have been started, auto-record the position as home point at the first time the throttle stick is raised	(∝)
After the home point is recorded successfully and the distance from aircraft is less than 8m, LED indicator will blink 6 violet continually. Note: only when GPS signal is good (no Red LED) LED indicator will blink 6 violet continually.	(6)

3.Operate sticks to control the flying attitude of the aircraft during flight			
Transmitter (Mode2)		Aircraft	Operations
Throttle Stick			Push Throttle sticks to control the aircraft to elevate and descend. The aircraft can lock to an altitude when the throttle stick is at midpoint.
Yaw Stick			Push the yaw stick to rotate the aircraft in clockwise or counter clockwise direction.
Roll Stick			Push roll stick to control the aircraft left or right, pitch stick to control forward or backward. When both roll and pitch sticks are at midpoint： (1) GPS mode: the aircraft will be stabilized and locked in horizontal position. (2) ATTI 1/ATTI 2 mode: the aircraft will be stabilized but unlocked in horizontal position.
Pitch Stick			

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4.Hover

In GPS mode，the aircraft will hover when the throttle/yaw/roll/pitch sticks are all released at mid-point.

5.Landing

Use the throttle stick to control the landing speed, try to land your aircraft gently to avoid shock or crash.

Please refer to the next section “Protection Functions Setting” to take precautions.

(1) Low voltage alert: yellow quick flashes or red quick flashes.

(2) FailSafe: LED indicator blinks blue.

Moreover, you may come across the following abnormal situation, please carry out the operation below.

(3) Compass data is abnormal; the LED blinks yellow and green alternatively. Please re-calibrate the Compass.

(4) IMU data is abnormal, the LED blinks four green. Please contact your dealer.

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3 Protection Functions Setting

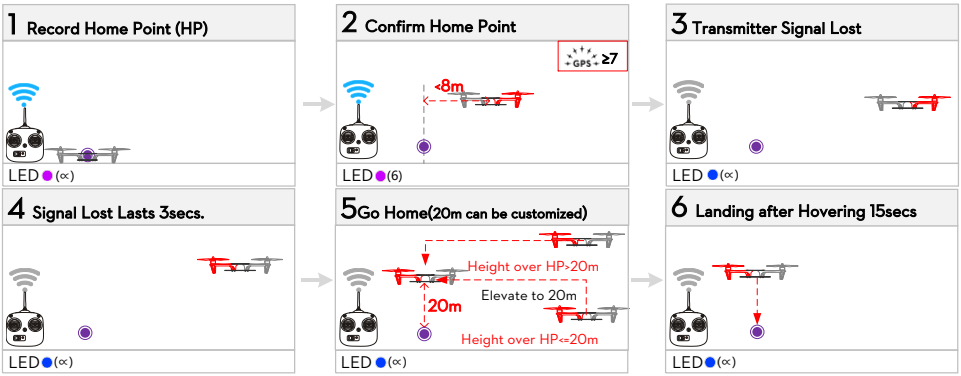
Set protection in the Assistant software ->Advanced page. FailSafe and Low voltage protections are required.

3.1 FailSafe

FailSafe works when the Transmitter (TX) signal is lost, the flight control system will automatically control the aircraft to reduce injuries or damage.

	TX signal	GPS	Descriptions
Home Point (HP)			30secs later after power on; 10secs later after GPS ≥6(● or no Red LED); Motors have been started; auto-record the position as home point at the first time the throttle stick is raised.
FailSafe		GPS≥6	Flight control system can automatically control the aircraft after Transmitter signal is lost. It should be set in **Assistant software->Advanced->F/S**, while Hover, Go-Home or Alt Go-Home is optional. Additionally, a Go-Home switch can be enabled.
One-Key Go Home			Go Home switch can be used to trigger a "go home" without FailSafe. If One-Key Go Home is enabled during flying, you no longer have control of the aircraft, the LED blinks in its Control Mode. If One-Key Go Home is disabled, you regain the control at once. If already in a Failsafe condition, then the switch will not work.

Failsafe and Go Home procedures



⚠ (1) The aircraft will not go home (only attitude stabilizing) in the condition that GPS<6 or GPS is not working, even if Transmitter signal is lost or Go Home switch is triggered.

(2) It is recommended to set the Go Home switch in the Assistant software. Users are suggested to enter Failsafe and go home by using the Go Home switch rather than turning off the Transmitter in

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emergency situations.

(3) Make sure there are no obstacles during aircraft go home and users are familiar with the methods to regain control.

How to regain control in FailSafe

	GPS	ATTI 2	ATTI 1	Manual
Regain control	You have to toggle the control mode switch once to regain control if the signal recovers, y.		Regain control as soon as signal recovers.	

3.2 Low Voltage Protection

Low voltage protection is used to alert low battery voltage during flight; in this case, users should promptly fly back the aircraft and land to avoid unexpected damages.

To use this function please set in **Assistant software->Advanced->Voltage** page to configure two voltage levels.

Protections		Option Selected	Conditions	LED	Aircraft
	First level	LED	----	(∝)	None
		GH & Landing	Make sure the home point is recorded and no obstacles in going home and landing path.	(∝)	Go-Home & Landing
	Second level	LED	----	(∝)	None
		Descending	----	(∝)	Descending directly

Go-Home & Landing Usage Tips

(1) The home point recorded is the same in both Failsafe and Low voltage protection. The aircraft will not go home in the following cases :

a) Control mode is in Control Mode 1 (Manual or ATTI 1)

b) GPS signal is bad ( )

c) The distance between aircraft and the home point is less than 25m, and the height over the Home point less than 20m.

Descending Usage Tips

The aircraft will not hover when the throttle stick is at the mid point. Push the throttle stick to 90% of endpoint, the aircraft will still ascend slowly if you continue to pull the throttle stick, and the control of Pitch, Roll and Yaw are the same as before.

Please pay attention to the LED alert of low voltage and make sure the power is enough for go home and landing. Insufficient power reserve will cause the aircraft to crash and other consequences.

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4 Advanced Functions

IOC and Gimbal functions of A2 and how to use A2 Assistant app via a mobile device.

4.1 IOC (Intelligent Orientation Control) function

	IOC	Help users to set the Flying direction; Should be enabled in Assistant software.
	Flying direction	The flying direction of aircraft when pushing the Roll and Pitch sticks.
	Forward direction	The flying direction of aircraft when the pitch stick is pushed forward.
	Normal flying	IOC is disabled. Forward direction is pointing to the nose direction and changes along with the nose.
	CL flying	Course Lock. Its forward direction is pointing to the nose direction when recording, which is fixed until you re-record it or exit from CL.
	HL flying	Home Lock. Record a Home Point (HP), push Pitch stick to control the aircraft far from or near to the HP.
	POI flying	Point of Interest. Record a point of interest (POI), the aircraft can circle around the POI, and the nose always points to the POI.

Conditions of IOC function

Flying	IOC Setting	Control Mode	GPS-COMPASS PRO Required	GPS Satellites	Distance Limits
Normal	----	----	----	Basic to control mode	None
CL	Enabled	Not in Manual	Compass	None	None
HL	Enabled	GPS	GPS	GPS ≥6	Aircraft ≥10m HP
POI	Enabled	GPS	GPS	GPS ≥6	Aircraft 5m-500m POI

Step 1 IOC switch setting

Please enable the IOC function in **Advanced->IOC** page of Assistant software. Then choose a 3-positon switch on the Transmitter to set as IOC switch, which is used to select the different IOC modes and manually record the Forward direction, HP and POI recording.

Below are the three options of IOC switch setting which may be configured in the Assistant software.

Switch positions		A	B	C
1		OFF	OFF	OFF
2		CL	CL	POI
3		HL	POI	HL

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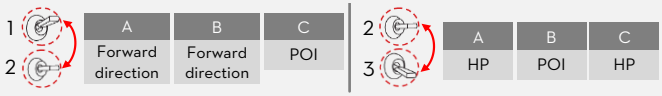
Step 2 Forward Direction, HP and POI Recording

After you enable the IOC in assistant software, the flight control system will record the forward direction and home point automatically after power on, if the recording conditions are met. You can Manually re-record the forward direction, home point and POI during flying. Read the following table for the recording method details.

	CL	HL	POI
Aims	Record a direction as Forward direction	Record a position as HP	Record a position as POI
Conditions	30secs after power on	30secs after power on; 10secs later after GPS≥6; Motors have been started.	30secs after power on; 10secs later after GPS≥6.
Automatically	Automatically record at 30secs after power on	Automatically record at the first time you push the throttle stick	No Automatic record method
Manually	According to any option of IOC switch setting, quickly toggle the switch between adjacent positions 3-5 times to record manually. 		
Successful	(20)	(20)	(20)

(1) DO NOT toggle the switch between the 1 and 3 positions frequently, which may re-record the position 2.

(2) HP is used not only in IOC, but also in Failsafe and Low voltage for go home and landing. The flight control system will automatically record the HP even if IOC function is disabled in Assistant software but Forward direction and POI can be recorded only after IOC is enabled.

(3) Once the Home Point is recorded successfully, LED will blink (6) continually under the following conditions. All conditions must be true.

1. GPS≥7.
2. Distance between aircraft and the recorded home point is less than 8m.
3. Current control mode is in GPS or ATTI 2.

Step 3 IOC flying test

Please study the following diagram then make an IOC flying test. IOC LED indicator blinks ((2) means stick(s) not at the midpoint)

HP POI Flying direction Forward direction Route Auxiliary line

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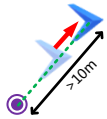
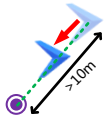
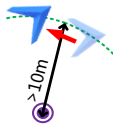
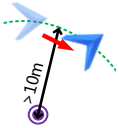
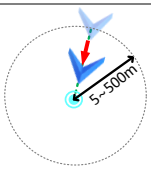
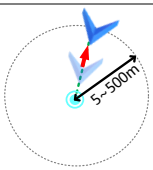
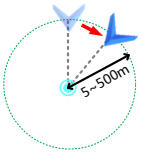
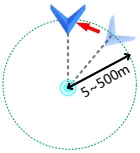
Flying	IOC switch	Record	Roll stick control of aircraft		Pitch stick control of aircraft	
Normal	OFF	None				
CL	CL					
HL	HL					
POI	POI					

DO NOT toggle the IOC switch frequently in HL flying to avoid re-recording the HP unwittingly.

IOC function is available only when all the required conditions are satisfied. If any condition is omitted the flight control system will exit IOC. Please keep an eye on the LED to know the current control mode.

(1) It's recommended to start the HL flight when the aircraft is >10m away from the HP. If starting the HL when the distance between aircraft and HP is less than 10m and it's the first time you start HL after power on, then the flight control system will only enter HL after flying out of the 10m range.

(2) During HL flying if one of the following conditions occur, the flight control system will exit HL and enter into CL: the aircraft is within of 10m from HP; the control mode is changed to ATTI 1 or ATTI2; GPS<6(LED ●(2) or ●(3)).

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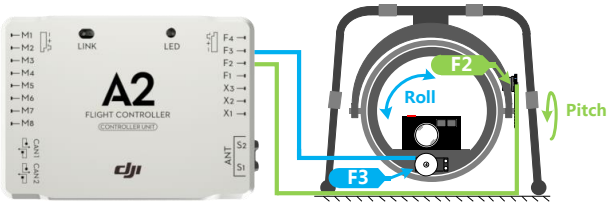
4.2 Gimbal function

Connect the servos of your gimbal to the Controller Unit as the fig. below , roll servo connects to F3 port and pitch servo connects to F2, and configure in **Advanced->Gimbal** page in the Assistant software. No Receiver channel is asked to be mapped for the F2 or F3 port if gimbal function is enabled in the Assistant Software.

Note: Even you map Receiver channels to F3 and F2 (Which are shown as D3 and D2 in the Assistant Software -> Channel Mapping), the F3 and F2 will not give output signals from the mapped Receiver channels.



4.3 Gear function

Once enable the Intelligent Gear function, the gear is default down on the ground or in case of emergency (e.g. motor failure tolerance, auto landing); you can control it to be up or down by a switch when the aircraft altitude is above 5m during flight.

Please configure in the **Advanced->Gear** page in the Assistant software. Connect the landing gear of S800 EVO to the Controller Unit as fig. below.

(1) Make sure to enable and configure the Intelligent Gear function in the Assistant software first, and then connect the gear to the F1 port.

(2) The Gear channel is required to be mapped with a channel on Receiver if the Intelligent Gear function is enabled in Assistant Software, and the F1 port will give outputs for retracting control.

(3) Once you map the Gear channel, F1 port will give output signals from the controller for retract control. Otherwise, even the Intelligent Gear function is enabled; F1 will give output from D1 (it's necessary to map the D1 channel with a channel on Receiver as your demands).

4.4 Attitude Control When One Motor Output Fails

For Hexa-rotor, including Hexa-rotor I, Hexa-rotor V, Hexa-rotor IY and Hexa-rotor Y, the aircraft with A2 flight control system is attitude controllable when one motor output fails.

Select Course lock or home lock mode for flying the aircraft into a safe area to land when the aircraft is far away or the attitude can't be recognized.

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Appendix

LED indicator descriptions

Control mode	GPS signal
Manual：No indicator	Best (GPS > 6): No indicator
ATTI1: (1) (sticks not in mid-point (2))	Good (GPS = 6): (1)
ATTI2: (1) (sticks not in mid-point (2))	Bad (GPS = 5)： (2)
GPS: (1) (sticks not in mid-point (2))	Worst (GPS < 5): (3)

Flight Attitude	
Attitude good: No indicator	Attitude status bad: (3)
Attitude status bad, hover/sticks at mid recommended: (2)	IMU data lost, calibrate IMU needed：(4)

Compass calibration	
Horizontal calibration (∝)	Calibration Failed (∝)
Vertical calibration (∝)	Abnormal Compass Data (∝)

Low voltage alert	
First level alert (∝)	Second level alert (∝)

IOC Recording	
Record home-point successfully	(20)
Aircraft is in the 8m range of HP	(6)
Record forward direction successfully	(20)
Record a Point Of Interest successfully	(20)

Bluetooth	
A2 Assistant is connected / disconnected to the flight control system (∝)	

When the LED blinks (2) or (3), please hover or land the aircraft and wait for the white LED to go off.

When the LED blinks (3), it is not recommended to fly.

When the LED blinks (4), please contact your dealer.

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Specifications

General

Built-In Functions	●	Built-in Receiver	●	External Receiver Supported
	●	Multiple Control Modes	●	9 Types of Supported Multi-rotor
	●	2-axle Gimbal Supported	●	Other DJI Products Supported
	●	Enhanced FailSafe	●	Low Voltage Protection
	●	Intelligent Orientation Control	●	4 Configurable Outputs
	●	Dynamical Systems Protection	●	Sound Alarm
(Coming soon)	●	PC & Bluetooth Ground Station	●	Configure Parameters Via Bluetooth

Peripheral

Supported Multi-rotor	● Quad-rotor: I4, X4 ● Hexa-rotor: I6, V6, Y6, IY6 ● Octo-rotor: X8, I8, V8
Supported ESC output	400Hz refresh frequency.
Supported Transmitter for Built-in Receiver	Futaba FASST (MULT, MLT2, 7CH) Series and DJI DESST Series
External Receiver Supported	Futaba S-Bus, DSM2, PPM
Recommended Battery	2S ~ 6S LiPo
Assistant Software System Requirement	Windows XP SP3 / 7 /8 (32 or 64 bit)
Other DJI Products Supported	Z15, iOSD Mark II, D-BUS Adapter, S800 EVO, 2.4G Data Link (Coming soon)

Electrical & Mechanical

Power Consumption	MAX 5W (Typical Value: 0.3A@12.5V)
Operating Temperature	-5°C to +60°C
Total Weight	<= 224g (overall)
Dimensions	● MC: 54mm x 39mm x 14.9mm ● IMU: 41.3mm x 30.5mm x 26.3mm ● GPS-COMPASS PRO: 62 mm (diameter) x 14.3 mm ● PMU: 39.5mm×27.6mm×9.8mm ● LED-BTU-I：30mm x 30mm x 7.9mm

Flight Performance (can be effected by mechanical performance and payloads)

Hovering Accuracy (In GPS Mode)	● Vertical: 0.5m ● Horizontal: 1.5m
Maximum Wind Resistance	<8m/s (17.9mph / 28.8km/h)
Max Yaw Angular Velocity	150deg/s
Max Tilt Angle	35°
Ascent / Descent	6m/s

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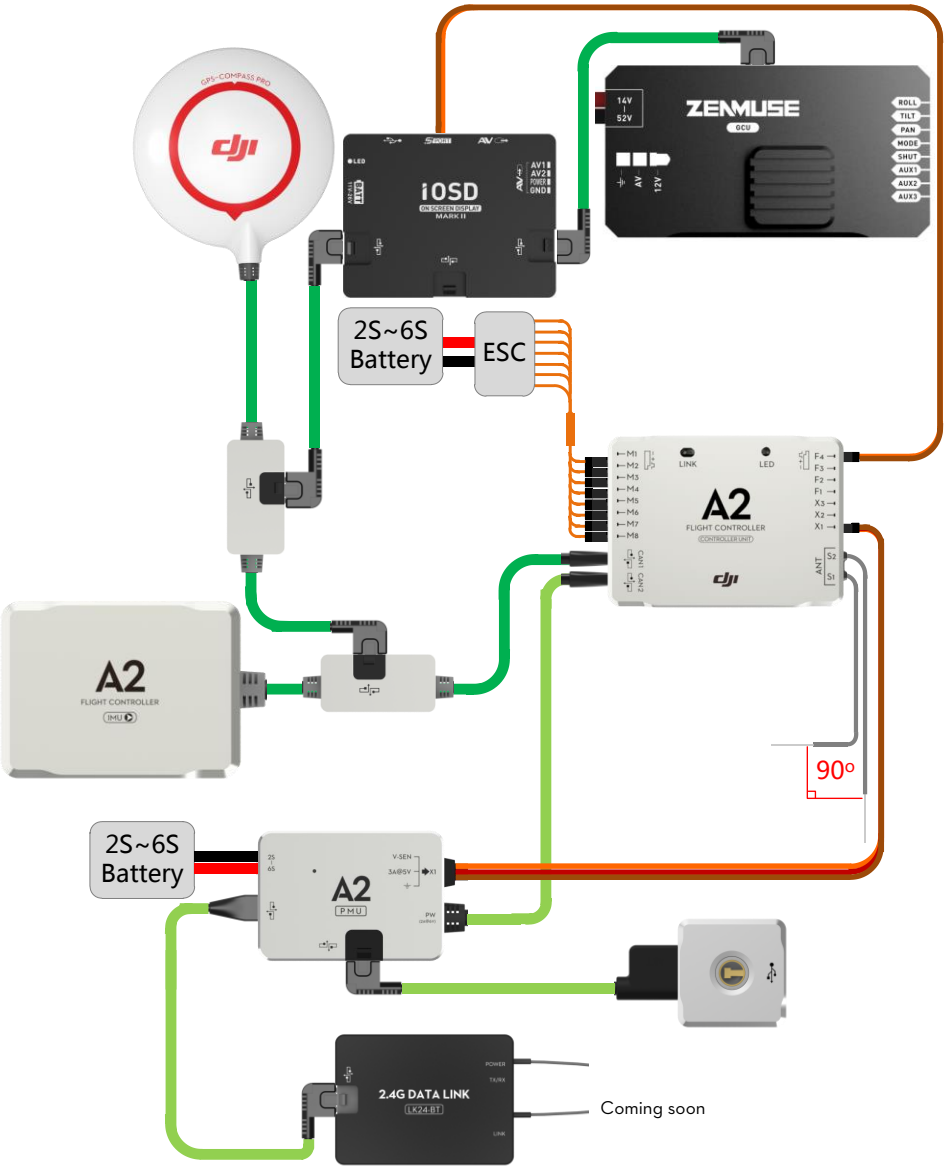
Use with other DJI products

The A2 can be used with other DJI products such as iOSD Mark II, Z15, S800 EVO and 2.4G Data Link (Coming soon) etc.

The following diagram is the connection for your reference.



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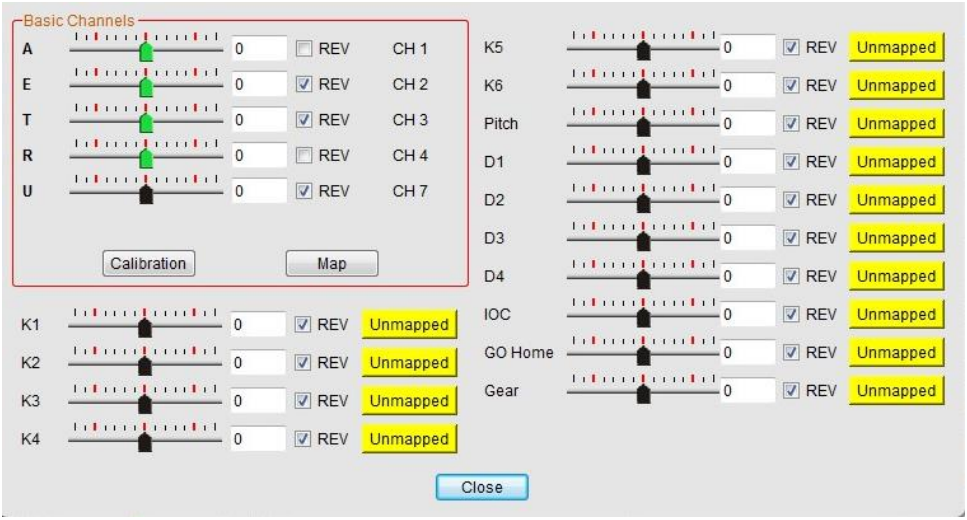
Channel Mapping Instructions for PC Assistant Software



Basic Channel	Default Settings	Usage Descriptions
A	Roll Control of the Controller Unit, mapped to the Channel 1 of Receiver	During Assistant Software usage, please click the "Calibration" button, to calibrate the Transmitter sticks travel. During calibrating, make sure to operate strictly following the prompts; otherwise may lead to calibration failure. Click the "Map" button, then you can re-do mapping for A/E/T/R/U.
E	Pitch Control of the Controller Unit, mapped to the Channel2 of Receiver	
T	Throttle Control of the Controller Unit, mapped to the Channel3 of Receiver	
R	Yaw Control of the Controller Unit, mapped to the Channel4 of Receiver	
U	Control Mode Switch of the Controller Unit, mapped to the Channel7 of Receiver	
Others	Default Settings	Usage Descriptions
K1~K6	Remote Gains Adjustment of the Controller Unit, unmapped.	Click "Unmapped" button to map K1~K6 to the channels of Receiver.
Pitch	Gimbal Pitch Control of the Controller Unit, unmapped.	Click "Unmapped" button to map Pitch to a Receiver channel for the gimbal servo control.
D1~D4	Direct Channels (The corresponding ports are F1~F4 on the Controller Unit) of Controller Unit, unmapped.	Click "Unmapped" button to map D1~D4 to the Receiver channels. If you enable the Gimbal functions in Assistant Software, then the F3/F2 are used for gimbal control; even D3/D2 are mapped to channels of Receiver,

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		and the signals from the mapped Receiver channels will be ignored. You can use F4 for switching the video channel of iOSD Mark II, then map D4 to a Receiver channel.
IOC	IOC function of the Controller Unit, unmapped.	Click “Unmapped” button to map IOC to a Receiver channel. It is recommended to use a 3-position switch channel.
Go Home	One-Key Go Home function of the Controller Unit, unmapped.	Click “Unmapped” button to map Go Home to the Receiver channel. It is recommended to use a 2-position switch channel.
Gear	Intelligent Gear function of the Controller Unit, unmapped.	If you enable the Gear function in Assistant Software, then the F1 is used for the gear control of S800 EVO landing.

Recommended Mapping for Futaba Transmitter (Mode 2) User

Controller Unit Channel	Receiver Channel	Recommended Transmitter Switch
A	Channe 1 (AIL)	Joystick J1
E	Channe 2 (ELE)	Joystick J2
T	Channe 3 (THR)	Joystick J3
R	Channe 4 (RUD)	Joystick J4
U	Channe 7 (AUX5)	3-Position switch, e.g. SG
K1-K6	Channe 5 (GEAR)	Knob switch, e.g. LD, RD
Pitch	Channe 6 (Vpp)	Knob switch, e.g. LD, RD
D1/D3/D2	----	----
D4	Channe 9 (AUX1)	2-Position switch, e.g. SF
IOC	Channe 10 (AUX2)	3-Position switch, e.g. SG
Go Home	Channe 11 (AUX3)	2-Position switch with spring back function, e.g. SH
Gear	Channe 8 (AUX4)	2-Position switch, e.g. SF

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Settings of gain values for Your Reference

To set the value of basic gain and attitude gain you can refer to the following diagram. These values are only for reference and may vary in practice.

Aircraft	Configuration Information					Basic			Attitude		
	Motor	ESC	Propeller	Battery	Weight	Pitch	Roll	Yaw	Pitch	Roll	Vertical
F450	DJI-2212	DJI-30A	DJI-8 Inch	3S-2200	890 g	150	150	135	150	150	140
F550	DJI-2212	DJI-30A	DJI-8 Inch	4S-3300	1530 g	170	170	150	160	160	150
S800 EVO+Z15	DJI-4114	DJI-40A	DJI-15Inch	6S-15000	7000g	140	140	130	140	140	130

The Transmitter setup of FUTABA

Please configure the Frequency item on your Transmitter adhere to the table below.

Transmitter type	AREA	FASST
FUTABA 18MZ	Default	FASST-MULTI\FASST-7CH
FUTABA 14MZ with TM-14	Default	MULT\7CH
FUTABA 14SG	FRANCE\GENERAL	FASST-MULTI\FASST-7CH
FUTABA 12Z 2.4G FASST with TM-14	Default	MULT\7CH
FUTABA 12FG 2.4G FASST with TM-14	Default	MULT\7CH
FUTABA 10CG or 10C with TM-10	Default	7CH
FUTABA 9C SUPER with TM-7 or TM-8	Default	7CH
FUTABA 8FG SUPER	FRANCE\GENERAL	MLT2\MULT\7CH
FUTABA 8FG	FRANCE\GENERAL	MULT/7CH
FUTABA 7C 2.4G	Default	Default
FUTABA 6EX FASST	Default	Default

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